

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT

for the

District of Montana

United States of America

v.

Steven Tyler Simpkins

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Case No: CR-18-41-M-DLC

USM No: 17262-046

Date of Original Judgment: 01/04/2019

Date of Previous Amended Judgment: _____

(Use Date of Last Amended Judgment if Any)

Defendant's Attorney

**ORDER REGARDING MOTION FOR SENTENCE REDUCTION
PURSUANT TO 18 U.S.C. § 3582(c)(2)**

Upon motion of ☒ the defendant ☐ the Director of the Bureau of Prisons ☐ the court under 18 U.S.C. § 3582(c)(2) for a reduction in the term of imprisonment imposed based on a guideline sentencing range that has subsequently been lowered and made retroactive by the United States Sentencing Commission pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 994(u), and having considered such motion, and taking into account the policy statement set forth at USSG §1B1.10 and the sentencing factors set forth in 18 U.S.C. § 3553(a), to the extent that they are applicable,

IT IS ORDERED that the motion is:

☒ DENIED. ☐ GRANTED and the defendant's previously imposed sentence of imprisonment (as reflected in the last judgment issued) of _____ months is reduced to _____.

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Defendant seeks a sentence reduction under the retroactive application of the criminal history rules in Parts A and B, subpart 1 of Amendment 821 to the United States Sentencing Guidelines. (See Doc. 51.) Defendant is ineligible.

Part A limits the overall criminal history impact of "status points" for offenders who committed the instant offense while under a criminal justice sentence. Part B, subpart 1 provides a two-level offense level decrease for offenders who did not receive any criminal history points under Chapter Four and whose instant offense did not involve specific aggravating factors. See USSG Ret. App. A & B, Sub. 1 Amendment 821 "Reasons for Amendment" (Nov. 1, 2023). "A defendant is ineligible for a sentence reduction if the relevant amendment does not have the effect of lowering the defendant's applicable guideline range." *United States v. Mercado-Moreno*, 869 F.3d 942, 949 (9th Cir. 2017); USSG §1B1.10(a)(2)(B) (2023).

Here, as to Part A, Defendant did not receive any Chapter Four "status points" as he did not commit the instant offense while under a criminal justice sentence. (See Doc. 42 ("PSR") ¶¶ 66–67.) As to Part B, Defendant's prior convictions resulted in a total criminal history score of four, (*id.*), and the offense involved an aggravating factor under §4C1.1(a)(7), possession of a firearm in connection with the offense, (*id.* ¶ 31). Because Defendant is ineligible for a sentence reduction under the retroactive application of Amendment 821, his motion is denied.

Except as otherwise provided, all provisions of the judgment dated _____ shall remain in effect.

IT IS SO ORDERED.

Order Date: 1/17/2024


Judge's signature

Effective Date: _____
(if different from order date)

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